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In re Application of:)
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THOMAS SHILALE ET AL.)
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Serial No.: 09/938,283)
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Filed: August 23, 2001)
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For: CONTINUOUSLY CONNECTED)
FASTENER STOCK AND)
METHOD OF MANUFACT-)
URING THE SAME)

Group Art Unit: 3728

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants disclose the following information:

1. U.S. Patent No. 6,064,306, inventors Deschenes et al., issued May 16, 2000;
2. U.S. Patent No. 5,979,027, inventors Oh et al., issued November 9, 1999; and
3. U.S. Patent No. 5,949,336, inventors Deschenes et al., issued September 7, 1999.

Copies of the foregoing documents are not being provided with this paper as these documents are of record in U.S.S.N. 09/904,173 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,569,369), of which the present application claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 120 as a continuation-in-part. However, these documents are listed on the enclosed PTO Form FB-A820. Applicants respectfully request that the

Examiner consider the above-listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the enclosed form.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better prior art exists and does not constitute an admission that the above-listed documents constitute "prior art."

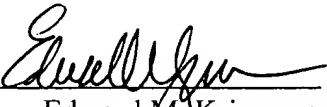
Applicants reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the above-listed documents, should the documents be applied against the claims of the present invention.

A check in the amount of \$180.00 is enclosed herewith in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.17(p). If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this paper that are not accounted for, the Examiner is authorized to charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 11-1755. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 that is not accounted for

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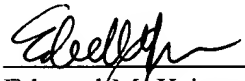
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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith for the above-identified patent application are the following:

An Amendment
4 replacement sheet of drawings
An Information Disclosure Statement
Form PTO-FB-A820 (1 sheet)
A check for \$1130 (\$180 - IDS; \$950 - ext. of time)
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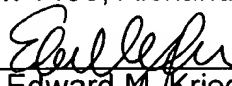
1. ☒ Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) for a three (3) month extension of time to respond to an Office Action dated July 22, 2003.
2. ☒ Please charge any fees or costs not accounted for to Deposit Account No. 11-1755.
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